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In Re Application for:

Joseph J. Chang

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WITH TORTUOUS FLUID
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on December 21, 1999, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATON

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 as follows:

Porous member 80 may be comprised of materials such as cotton high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene (UHMWPE).

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Elongated rigid needle 18 is formed of material such as stainless steel hypotubing and has a beveled or otherwise sharpened distal tip 40. As shown in **Figure 2**, a hollow bore 22 extends longitudinally through needle 18. A transparent flash chamber housing 37 is coupled to the proximal end of the elongated rigid needle 18. A hollow flash chamber bore 38 extends longitudinally through the proximal flash chamber housing 37. Such longitudinal flash chamber bore 38 has a substantially cylindrical proximal inner wall of substantially continuous diameter and a narrowed or tapered distal inner wall 60.

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
13			
Independent Claims	3		

Multiple Dependent Claims

Large Entity Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple Dependent claim	
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920	112	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for response within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for response within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for response within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for response within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidably	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentionally	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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